

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 02 June 2019	1Timothy 1	Entrusted
2) 09 June	1Timothy 2	On Mission
3) 16 June	1Timothy 3	Setting the Example
4) 23 June	1Timothy 4	Staying the Course
5) 30 June	1Timothy 5	Being Responsible
6) 07 July	1Timothy 6	Lasting Investments
7) 14 July	2Timothy 1	Confidence
8) 21 July	2Timothy 2	Focused
9) 28 July	2Timothy 3	Diligent
10) 04 August	2Timothy 4	Enduring
11) 11 August	Titus 1	Living with Opposition
12) 18 August	Titus 2	Living with Integrity
13) 25 August	Titus 3	Living to Do

INTRODUCTION

- Out of the 27 New Testament books, Timothy is mentioned in 12 of them as a faithful believer and trusted friend
- Timothy was the type of guy that would do anything to save anyone from Hell, including cutting off sensitive body parts.....**Acts 16:1-3**
- Paul used Timothy as a troubleshooter to resolve problems or to strengthen churches at Corinth, Philippi, and Thessalonica
- Timothy was also responsible for establishing churches by appointing elders & deacons who had the right spiritual credentials
- And Paul revealed several challenges Timothy faced:
  1. He apparently was an introvert..... **1Cor 16:10; 2Tim 1:7**
  2. He suffered from some unknown stomach problem & other frequent infirmities..... **1Tim 5:23**
- 1Timothy addresses strange doctrines, proper use of the law within the church, handling difficult people, praying, God's desire for all men to be saved, the selection of elders and deacons, honoring widows, dealing with difficult employers (masters), and instructing the rich to accomplish great things for God's kingdom

Passage	Comments
1Timothy 1:1-2	<p><b>Greetings from Paul</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v1. It seems odd for Paul to identify himself as an Apostle of JC since he only did that to stress his credentials to struggling believers such as the Romans, the Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, and Colossians</li> <li>• But we find out that this letter had a wider audience than just Timothy as seen in 1Timothy 6:21 where Paul states "grace be with all of you" where "you" is plural</li> <li>• v2. Timothy was possibly saved through Paul's ministry or at least was disciplined by Paul since Paul calls Timothy "son" in v18, and "beloved son" in <b>2Tim 1:2</b></li> </ul>
1:3-6	<p><b>Warning About False Teachers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v3. "instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines"                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ This was not going to be an easy or a quick task, BUT it was critical for Timothy to adjust his travel plans &amp; remain in Ephesus to tackle this problem</li> <li>♦ What would Timothy need to do if these men continued teaching strange doctrines?                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ask them to leave the church? <input type="checkbox"/> Go ballistic?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Have persistent patience, gentleness, boldness?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• v4. Avoid "myths and endless genealogies..."                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ The mixing of Christian beliefs with heathen myths &amp; rituals is called <i>syncretism</i> (e.g. Mardi Gras)</li> <li>♦ The Jews of this time period also strived to ascertain their genealogy. To reach high office a Jew needed to claim pure lineage for 4 generations on both sides of his family. <i>The Expositor's Bible Commentary</i>, p487</li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv5-6. "The goal of our instruction is love..."                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Timothy was not to simply win a debate, or silence the false teachers, or expel them, but to win them</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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What are some false or "strange doctrines" today?	<p>The SBC Statement of Faith is more inclusive than exclusive of various beliefs – &amp; that's not all bad, at times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We can swing between Calvinism and Arminianism</li> <li>• In regard to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, we can also swing between cessationist and continuationist views</li> <li>• And we can swing between evolution &amp; creation views</li> <li>• BUT, acceptance of gay marriages is still "strange"</li> <li>• Any other "Strange Doctrines" we should challenge?</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Co-habitation? <input type="checkbox"/> Polygamy? <input type="checkbox"/> All ways get to God?</p>
1:7-11	<p><b>Emphases of the Law</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv7-8. Sometimes we can be too liberal with God's Law simply to avoid conflict and loss of membership                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Are Christians above the laws of man and of the OT?</li> <li>♦ <b>Consider the following. 1Cor 7:19, 39; 14:34</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv9-11. "...the law is not meant for the righteous...but for law breakers." <b>Consider this:</b> If we are "led by the Spirit we are not under the Law..... <b>Gal 5:18</b></li> </ul>
1:12-17	<p><b>Modeling Faithfulness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• vv12-13. Paul was unique – a blasphemer and a persecutor of the church ("... it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the sea") – But he was handpicked by Christ to be saved &amp; commissioned as an Apostle</li> <li>• vv15-17. If Paul can be saved, anyone can be saved</li> </ul>
1:18-20	<p><b>Instructing Others</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• v18. Timothy was to be prepared for a long protracted war that is worth fighting – "fight the good fight"                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Does this mean struggling with Christians too?... Yep</li> </ul> </li> <li>• vv19-20. "some have rejected and suffered shipwreck" and "need to be taught not to blaspheme"                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Hymenaeus &amp; Alexander (&amp; Philetus – <b>2Tim 2:17</b>) apparently were Christians but were teaching a form of Gnosticism, which denies the bodily resurrection</li> <li>♦ Blaspheme was not necessarily cussing, but denying a fundamental truth of the Christian faith</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
How do you turn someone over to Satan?	<p>Turning someone over to Satan is a church discipline euphemism with intent to restore, not to excommunicate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fellowship ceases. Must protect the sheep.. <b>1Cor 5:1-5</b></li> <li>• The offender is removed from the church..... <b>1Cor 5:13</b></li> <li>• When the offender repents, fellowship is to be fully restored ..... <b>2Cor 2:6-8</b></li> </ul>


CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS

- We need more Timothy's in our churches to keep us focused, and who are not afraid to call the baby ugly when it is needed

**NEXT WEEK: 1Timothy 2.** This chapter addresses two (2) high impact topics – 1) effectively praying for people, and 2) the powerful influence women have within the church

Good people don't need laws to tell them to act responsibly and bad people will find a way around the laws.

- Plato



Another Perspective....